Complete College America (CCA) is a nonprofit working with states to increase the number of Americans with college degrees or certificates and to decrease attainment gaps for underrepresented populations. Community Colleges in Illinois provide data to CCA via ICCB. Data Source: ICCB Annual Enrollment and Completion Reports.

Complete College America defines “Credit Hour Completion” as the percent of first time part time degree or certificate seeking community college students who complete at least 12 credit hours in their first academic year. For these analyses, dual credit high school graduates are considered continuing students when they reach the college level. In addition, developmental or remedial credits are included in the completed number of credit hours. ICCB provides data to the CCA for all community colleges in Illinois and provides an Illinois comparison group of community colleges. Lake Land’s comparison group includes IL Eastern CC, Illinois Valley, Kankakee, Lewis and Clark, John Logan, and McHenry.

On average over the five reporting years, Kankakee (37%) has the highest percent of first time part time students completing at least 12 credit hours in their first academic year followed closely by Lake Land (36%).

Illinois Eastern CC (22%) and John Logan (22%) have the lowest percent of first time part time students completing at least 12 credit hours in their first academic year. However, it appears that Lewis and Clark has steadily increased the percent of students completing 12 credit hours over time.

Lake Land’s (36%) percent of first time part time students completing at least 12 credit hours in their first academic year is well above the state’s average (30%).